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Chief Engineer

Writes Regarding Proposed Water Dam on Big Cherry.

Richard Messer, chief engineer of the State Board of Health, who recently visited Big Stone Gap and inspected the site for the proposed dam on Big Cherry that the town expects to build this summer to impound a supply of water for the town wrote Mayor W. J. Horsley as follows regarding his trip of inspection:

Dear Sir:—

I wish to submit herewith a brief report covering my inspection of the proposed dam site at Big Cherry, on May 8th, in company with Mr. D. B. Sayers.

From information given by Mr. Sayers and which was based on his preliminary surveys and computations, I understand that the dam will be made of earth, about 15 feet in height at the middle and will impound about 50 million gallons, collected from a watershed estimated to be between 3 and 4 square miles.

As a general engineering proposition it would appear at first sight that the dam should be farther down stream so as to collect water from a larger watershed. There are certain reasons, however, why the location at Big Cherry is better at this time. (a) Natural basin for a large reservoir which can be made by means of a low earth dam; (b) good earth material (mixed of clay and sand) for making dam; (c) low cost compared with a concrete structure farther downstream; and (d) sufficient storage to tide over dry months.

Even if this reservoir will not furnish a supply for more than 10 or 15 years, it seems the best policy to build it and wait until prices for materials and labor are lower before attempting to construct a larger concrete dam below.

It is impossible to predict what will be the annual flow from a watershed of 3 or 4 square miles without having the monthly rainfall records for that particular section for a number of years, including a dry year. In this particular case, such calculations are unnecessary as the 50 million gallons held in storage will be ample to tide over dry periods likely to occur. During the spring, the reservoir will be filled and the stored water may be let out as needed during the summer months. Assuming no flow into the reservoir or from the watershed below, the 50 million gallons used at the rate of 500,000 gallons per day would last at least 60 days taking evaporation into account.

Algae troubles are to be expected in connection with any impounded supply in this climate. The troubles will be more pronounced during the first few years than later. In view of the opportunity for aeration between the reservoir and intake, I do not advise extensive cleaning and grubbing of the site. The principal work required will consist of removing or burning loose logs and boards which are likely to float, cutting most of the brush especially in the main part of the reservoir, and particularly that which extends above water level and burning over the site. Possibly the debris which will float can be removed more easily after the reservoir is filled.

Precautions should be taken to avoid contamination of the supply during construction. Sanitary closets (pit closets properly constructed and at a safe distance from the stream) should be provided for employees and care taken to see that they are used. As an additional safeguard, I would recommend that chloride of lime be applied at the present intake during the time of construction. I understand you already have in mind the apparatus required and method of operation.

Concerning an earth dam structure, this is the best type at the site selected. When proper material is available, as it is in this case, and when the dam is properly designed and

constructed, an earth dam is as safe and permanent as a concrete structure. A concrete dam at Big Cherry is out of the question because of the cost of hauling materials.

In conclusion I am in agreement with the ideas and preliminary recommendations made by Mr. Sayers and based on the surveys and studies which had been completed previous to May 8th. As soon as the final plans and specifications are received, I will write you further.

Respectfully,
RICHARD MESSER.

RESENTS SLUR UPON VIRGINIA

Legion Commander Refuses to Name Representative to Arlington Exercises—Lee and Other Confederates Excluded.

Because the names of General Robert E. Lee and other Confederate officers are excluded from the Arlington amphitheatre memorial, William A. Stuart, state commander of the American Legion for Virginia, declined to name a representative of the legion to take part in the dedication exercises.

State Commander Stuart sent the following telegram to Thomas W. Miller, chairman national legislative committee of the American Legion, 532 Woodward building, Washington, D. C.:

"Your letters with reference to appointment of a Virginian to represent American Legion and national commander at dedication of Arlington amphitheatre memorial. Please advise whether it is true, as reported, that names of General Lee and all other Confederate officers are to be excluded from the memorial. This report has produced an indescribably painful impression in Virginia, and if it is true, I feel sure that no Virginian would consent to be associated prominently or otherwise with the dedication. A memorial conceived in this spirit of exclusion could serve only to perpetuate a sectional hatred which is directly contradictory of the broad national ideals for which the American Legion stands."

The Arlington estate was the property of Mrs. Robert E. Lee, having descended to her from the heirs of Mrs. George Washington. The estate was confiscated by the Federal government during the war between the states and converted into a national cemetery, but the children of Mrs. Lee were later reimbursed by special act of Congress, after it had been recognized that the confiscation had been illegal. Recently an immense marble amphitheatre has been erected by an appropriation of Congress, where public exercises will be held. The old Arlington house is still standing in the middle of the immense grave yard.—Richmond Journal.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an order entered by the Circuit Court of Wise county, Virginia, a special election will be held in Big Stone Gap School District, Wise county, Virginia, on Saturday, May 29th, 1920, to take the sense of the qualified voters of said school district and pass upon the question of whether the said school board shall issue thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) in school bonds as set forth in the resolution and order passed by the said trustees and the Board of Supervisors of said county, for the purpose of building an additional school building and furnishing the same.

BIG STONE GAP SCHOOL DISTRICT
J. W. KELLY, Chairman
20-21 J. S. HAMBLE, Sec'y.

FOR SALE.—1918 Ford touring car. Good condition. New set of Goodyear tires. Used only for private use. Price, \$550.00. Apply to H. L. Cledenen, Horton Summit, Va.—20-22.—adv.

YES, VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

The plan of the School Board to erect a new building has been discussed from time to time in these columns. There can be no question about the necessity for this bond issue.

More than 100 children in the Big Stone Gap District are now handicapped for want of adequate school facilities. You are unwilling for this condition to remain? Then VOTE.

The High School Department will be benefitted by this bond issue, because this department will occupy the new building.

The elementary grades will be benefitted by it, because there will be four additional rooms provided for this department.

The small children from Cadet and the Southern depot will be benefitted by this bond issue, because they are to be brought to a suitable building where they may receive better instruction and better supervision.

The whole town will be benefitted by this bond issue, because the reputation of Big Stone Gap for being a first-class school community can then be maintained.

VOTING is both a RIGHT and a DUTY.

LET US ALL VOTE, SATURDAY, MAY 29th.

Norton Band Closing Exercises

Gave Fine Entertainment in School Auditorium on Thursday Night.

Those who failed to attend the concert given on Thursday night in the school auditorium by the Norton Concert Band missed one of the rarest musical treats ever witnessed in Big Stone Gap. This band is composed of twenty six pieces and the entire number were here, and in their uniforms the boys presented an attractive and pleasing appearance.

Under the careful care of Director S. T. Witt and able management of E. D. Kitts this band is making a splendid showing and the people of Norton have a good reason for being proud of it.

The program so ably rendered here was as follows:

1. Norton's White Way March. Witt
2. Sky Pilot Gigue. Laurens
3. When You and I Were Young. Maggie—vocal solo, Band acc.
4. Arabian Nights. Oriental. Turner, Soloist
5. Rones of Memory—vocal solo, Band acc.
6. Daughter of Love. Waltz. Bennett
7. Where the River Shannon Flows. Trombone Solo. Russell
8. Yamp. Oriental. Fox-Trot. Gay
9. Mother Machine. vocal solo. Mrs. Wren, Soloist
10. Selection—Best-Loved Southern Melodies. Hays
11. Trombone Blues. Jewell
12. Star Spangled Banner. Key

Base Ball

The local high school team were losers in two exciting games last week, and it happened in the ninth inning in each instance. Last Thursday they tackled a picked team from Dryden and had the game safely tucked away, the score being 6 to 2 at the beginning of the ninth, but the Dryden boys landed on the sphere fair and hard and tied the score. After struggling up to the fourteenth inning Dryden finally won out by a score of 10 to 7.

At Norton Saturday they were administered another beating in a very close game with their star twirler Pettit, in the box, who pitched a splendid game, allowing the Nortons only three hits and fanned fifteen hitters. At the beginning of the fatal ninth the score was 4 to 3 in the Gap boys' favor, but the infield blew up, booting the ball all over the diamond and Norton won by a score of 5 to 4.

Will Build Dam

At special meeting of the town council held on May 19th, it was decided to go ahead and build the dam at Big Cherry. Five thousand dollars was appropriated to commence this work at once.

FOR SALE.—Horses and mules, all in good condition. Can be seen at my barn. Call on or write E. A. Harner, Big Stone Gap, Va.—adv.

Community League

Report of Year May, 1919, to May, 1920.

In accordance with the custom of our league I submit at this meeting, at which our annual election of officers takes place, a brief summary of the year's work.

Committees for the following lines of work were formed:

- Education.
- Health and Sanitation.
- Moral Improvement.
- Cemetery and Streets.
- Finance.
- Membership and Social.
- Library.
- School Grounds.
- Thrift.

Our regular meeting has been held each month. I shall not take up the work of the committee in detail. A large bed of blooming bulbs in the school yards testifies for the work of the school grounds committee. Much more would have been accomplished by this committee but for the delay in getting cow proof gates to the school grounds.

The cemetery and street committee has been active and self supporting throughout the year and have their plans made for systematic work the coming summer.

The moral improvement committee has sent away five girls to be helped to a better life. Mrs. Bailey has made two trips to Washington placing girls in the Crittenden homes. If one of these five girls ever should be shown the way to a useful and wholesome life I should consider the work of this committee worth a year's effort. This committee also arranged for Dr. Leonard, of the State Board of Health, to make talks on diseases arising from vice and later for Dr. Brumfield, of the U. S. Public Health Service work along the same line. I find that we began the year with \$18.04 in the treasury and during the year we have landed a total of \$1,067.18. This of itself speaks for a year of activity.

At our September meeting Mr. John Hamblen, representing the School Board, after a frank discussion of school finances made an appeal to the league to install a Caloric furnace in the school building as a solution of very unsatisfactory heating conditions. We did this raising the money in a one day drive by private subscription. The cost was \$325.00.

Early in October we gave a very successful tea complimentary to the faculty of our public school at the home of Mrs. R. T. Irvine. We offered 1st and 2nd prizes for the school room keeping their section of the school grounds cleanest for the term and bought an iron basket for burning papers which we gave to the school.

At Christmas the league had charge of the sale of Christmas seals for the state worker.

At our January meeting Prof. Sulfridge, who is chairman of our committee on education stated that the work of his domestic science department was practically at a standstill for want of a range and asked if the league could not meet the expense at that time. One thing was clear to us, the domestic science work must go on and we at once accepted this responsibility. To meet the expense of the range we gave four Saturday sales of eatables which made us \$93.49.

In April our finance committee gave a minstrel show with home talent and from four performances took in \$400.00.

I should like to suggest in closing that one of the earliest activities of the new organization be a membership drive. I also want to thank the members of the league for their hearty cooperation in the work of the past year.

Sincerely submitted by the president
MRS. D. B. SAYERS.

FOR SALE.—Oldsmobile five passenger touring car in good condition. Has one extra tire and will sell at a bargain. Address G. Box 163, Big Stone Gap, Va.—adv.

Attention!

Patrons of Big Stone Gap School District.

So that there can be no question as to the attitude of the School Board and their intention to furnish transportation for the small children in the grades now being taught in the Cadet school and the school near the furnace, we the undersigned members of the School Board pledge ourselves to see that these children are furnished means of transportation to and from the Central School building just as soon as there is room for them in the main building.

It is impossible to give these children the same advantages as is being enjoyed by the children in the central part of the town under the present arrangement and we not only feel it our duty to give them better school advantages, but we also feel it is their due.

This matter has been discussed frequently by the School Board and the principal and the only reason that it was not done during the past year was on account of the crowded condition of the present school building, and this crowded condition can only be relieved by the erection of an additional building to be used for high school purposes, which will leave ample room at the main building for some time to come in which to take care of all pupils in the Big Stone Gap School District.

We hope that all of the patrons of the school will come out on Saturday and vote unanimously for the issuing of bonds with which to erect the high school building, which will enable the town of Big Stone Gap to have as good, if not the best, school in this state.

J. W. KELLY, Chairman.
J. S. HAMBLE, Clerk.
J. A. GILMER.

Piano and Violin Recital.

On Tuesday evening, June 1st, Mrs. Proctor Brown will present her piano and violin pupils in the following program at her residence. The public is cordially invited to attend. The recital will begin at eight o'clock.

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| 1. Sonata. (a) | Spaulding |
| Sweet Clover (b) | Biel |
| Hazel Quinley | |
| 2. Dolly's Dream | Oesten |
| Virginia Owen | |
| 3. Violin—Evening Song (a) | Moffat |
| In the Cradle (b) | Busch |
| Ruth Holly | |
| 4. Boat Song | Gabriel |
| Hamie Colton | |
| 5. An Autumn Evening | Lindsay |
| Virgie Barker | |
| 6. Orchestra—Impromptu (a) | Kelly |
| Waltz (b) | Moffat |
| Mr. Ernest Spahr, Marion and Ruth Holly, Julia and Emma Lou James, Miss Wynn, Mrs. Brown. | |
| 7. Piano—Dance of the Koomies | C. Rohm |
| Ruth Holly | |

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| PART II | |
| 8. Orchestra—Theme and Variations op. 37 | Gundt Espin |
| 9. Moonlight Sonata | Beethoven |
| Marion Holly | |
| 10. Polish Dance, op. 4, No. 1 | Schwarzenka |
| Ruth Smith | |
| 11. Etude for Violin | Schmidt |
| Miss Nora Wynn | |
| 12. Duets—Qui Vive, op. 12, Grande Cadence de Concert | Goun |
| Ruth Smith, Piano, Mrs. Brown, Secondo | |
| 13. Orchestra—Bacchante from the opera "Les Contes d'Hoffman" | Offenbach |
| Nora Youell | |
| 14. Second Mazurka | Godard |
| Nora Youell | |
| 15. Violin—Minuet No. 2 in G | Beethoven |
| Mr. Ernest Spahr | |
| 16. Piano—Selected | Mrs. Brown |

Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Young Men's Club will be held Thursday night, May 27th, in the school auditorium at eight o'clock.

W. S. Goss, our farm demonstrator, has been invited to address the club and will be with us that night.

The farmers of this surrounding section are especially invited to attend this meeting, and we would also like to have a large number of our members and town people present.
D. E. ALLEN, Sec'y.